

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are currently pending. Claim 9 has been amended by the present amendment. The changes to Claim 9 are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter; and Claims 1-8, 13, and 14 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in the present application.

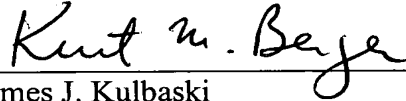
Regarding the rejection of Claim 9, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is rendered moot by the present amendment to Claim 9. Claim 9 has been amended to be directed to a software module embedded on a computer readable medium, the software module configured to be executed on a computer that receives over a network information concerning a remotely monitored device. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 9 is directed to statutory subject matter.

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Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all claims of the present application are in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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